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Assessment and is under consideration by a sub-committee appointed by it. In the meanwhile, the diplomas awarded by the Board have been provisionally recognised by the Government of India for purposes of recruitment to subordinate posts under them.

Sea erosion

* 2629 *Q.*—SRI P. JEEVANANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the action taken by the Government on the representation made in the month of November 1954 by Sri P. Jeevanandam, M.L.A and the Murpokku Valaingar Sangam in regard to the damage caused by sea erosion to the huts in the fishermen's colonies in Tondiarpet and nearby areas?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government have sanctioned a scheme at a total cost of Rs. 4,14,500 made up of (i) Rs. 2,59,400 for acquisition of private sites and (ii) rupees 1,55,100 for provision of amenities thereon, for housing 282 families of fishermen who have been rendered homeless by sea erosion on North of Madras Harbour. The land acquisition proceedings are going on and it is hoped that the colony would be formed very soon.

* 2630 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have provided house-sites for the fishermen of Madras who have been affected by sea erosion; and

(*b*) if so, their number?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The fishermen who have been affected by sea erosion on the north of Madras Harbour have been accommodated in the Defence Department lands and other vacant Government lands temporarily. The Government have also since sanctioned a scheme for provision of permanent alternative house-sites to the fishermen and the private land required for the purpose is being acquired.

(*b*) 282 families will be benefited by the scheme.

Protected water-supply and drainage system

* 2631 *Q.*—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Villupuram Municipal Council has presented a petition to the Government through Sri V. R. Nagarajan, M.L.A., for the provision of a protected water-supply and drainage system to the Villupuram Municipality; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) It is proposed to include the water-supply scheme in the Second Five-Year Plan.

*2632 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the reasons for not providing the Government Headquarters Hospital, Kozhikode, with protected water-supply?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : The hospital has been provided with an overhead tank and a pump fitted to one of the wells in the hospital compound. Only during summer months, water scarcity is being experienced. It is now proposed to improve the water-supply to the hospital by connecting pipes and obtaining water from the local municipality.

* 2633 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government have decided to provide Baliapatam town in Malabar with protected water-supply?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : No, Sir.

Direct recruitment of Revenue Divisional Officers

* 2634 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any persons were selected for appointment to Revenue Divisional Officers' posts by direct recruitment from the Backward Classes; and

(*b*) if so, to what communities of the Backward Classes they belong?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The particulars are furnished below:—

(*a*) Yes; two from Backward Classes.

(*b*) Both belong to Agamudaiyans (including Tulluva Vellalas) Backward Community.

Palghat Electric Corporation

* 2635 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of workers in service in the Palghat Electric Corporation as on 31st March 1955 (temporary and permanent); and

(*b*) how many of them were absorbed by the Government and how many were discharged?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) There were thirty-eight such employees. There are no records with the Palghat Electric Licence Company to indicate how many of these employees were permanent and how many temporary.